

REMARKS

Claims 1-14, 16, 18 and 20 are pending. Claims 1-14 are allowed, and claims 16, 18 and 20 are rejected.

Each of the rejected claims 16, 18 and 20 is proposed to be made directly dependent from allowed claim 1. That is, the amended claims 16, 18 and 20 now each further limit the subject matter of an allowed claim.

The amended claims do not raise any new issues which would require a further search since only claims already present in the application are being made dependent from an allowed claim.

The amendment should be entered since it clearly places the application in condition for allowance.

If the amendment is not entered as placing the application in condition for allowance, then it entry is requested for purposes of appeal.

Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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